



IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission met on September 15, 2016. The Director of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) updated the Commission on changes made to the ICN financial statements and on an upcoming review of staffing procedures and assignments. The Director also updated the Commission on the 200GB comprehensive core transport upgrade strategy for the ICN. Finally, ICN staff reviewed the results of the 2016 customer survey and discussed findings in the most recent audit report.

Action Items. The Commission voted and approved the following action items:

- **Signatures** – The Commission approved updating the signature authorities on binding contracts to reflect that the Chief Administration Officer is the primary contracting officer and the Chief Operating Officer is the secondary contracting officer.
- **FY 2018 Appropriation Request** – The Commission approved a request of \$1.2 million for network equipment purchases. This is no change compared to FY 2017. This appropriation request, in conjunction with the ICN's status as a "common carrier" under federal law, allows the state to receive Universal Service Fund (USF) reimbursements for eligible services on behalf of the ICN's K-12 school and library users.
- **Approval of FY 2018 Video Conferencing Rates** – The Commission approved the following Motion Picture Experts Group (MPEG) rates for FY 2018. This is no change compared to FY 2017. The MPEG video is set to sunset June 30, 2018.
 - Base Rate – \$75.20 per hour, per site.
 - E-Rate Supported K-12, Public Library – \$19.75 per hour, per site.
 - Non E-Rate Supported K-12, Public Library – \$9.50 per hour, per site.
 - Postsecondary Community College – \$12.04 per hour, per site.
 - Postsecondary Regents/Private University – \$12.04 per hour, per site.
 - Other Training Use – \$17.21 per hour, per site.
 - Administrative Use – \$31.39 per hour, per site.
 - Federal and Telemedicine Use – \$75.20 per hour, per site.

The Commission approved a decrease to the Internet Protocol (IP) video rates from \$155.00 per hour, per site, to \$116.25 per hour, per site. This is a decrease of \$38.75 per hour, per site (25.0%). The change applies to the IP rates for the following groups:

- Higher Education
- K-12 Schools and Libraries
- State Government
- Federal Government
- Health Care
- Others

Next Meeting. The next scheduled Commission meeting is October 19, 2016.

More Information. Additional information regarding Commission meetings is available at: <https://icn.iowa.gov/about-icn/commission/commission-meeting-information>

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